

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for April – June 2023

Following the Lord!

Alfredo and Natalia got baptized together! Alfredo was saved last year during our Missions Conference along with his mother. His sister, Natalia, came to church several months later. When she came, my wife took her aside and was able to lead her to Christ! When she got saved, she hugged Jeannie and said very sincerely, "Thank you for telling me..."



Montse was in our children's ministries when she was a little girl and had made a profession of faith. As time passed, however, her family got out of church and got very wrapped up in the world. Around the end of last year, the whole family came back, and have been faithfully attending our mid-week service! I went to visit them recently and felt led to share the gospel with the whole family. That morning, five of them prayed to accept Christ! Montse (now 21 years old) was one of them! When I asked her about it, she said she had never sincerely accepted Christ...until now! It was a privilege to baptize her. I hope to be able to baptize more of the family soon.



Erick is the son of one our faithful men. He did not grow up with his dad, but his dad has tried to get him into church in the last several years since he himself became a Christian. Last year, Erick contacted me and stopped by my home.

I was able to talk to him and lead him to Christ in my study and he began to come faithfully to church. He did well for a while, but then had some struggles and became very sporadic in his church attendance. Recently, he got himself into some trouble, but the Lord used those circumstances to get his attention. The day he showed up at church I was preaching on the Prodigal Son. He told me that God used that message to get him going in the right direction in his Christian life. He decided to get baptized and is now going forward again!

We are fervently praying that God will allow us to move to a location where we can build a building or remodel a building for the church. The property that we own is about to increase even more in value because our street will soon be paved. We are thankful for the place where we meet, but we really need better facilities. Please pray that GOD will move on our behalf and that HE will give us an open door. We have every dollar given for this project, and we would like to spend them!

Furloughs, Family, and the Future

Over the almost 23 years that we have been in Mexico, we have taken very **few furloughs**. That was never the intention, but it is the way that it has worked out for us. The times when our family has had the desire to go up, I have always said that there are three things that we need: A good reason, enough money to make the trip, and the coverage here in the ministry. Many times, we have had a good reason, but lacked the money, or the coverage, or both. When we do get up north of the border, it is no small miracle. There are so many logistical things that need to line up on both sides of the border for us to go. We really do need to get back to more of our supporting churches and see some of you that we have not seen in years. Please know that we love and appreciate you for your faithful prayers and support for all this time. We are indebted to you. We pray that God will give a great return of souls and changed lives for your investment.

In recent years, with our kids growing up, our **family dynamic** has drastically changed. The Lord has been good to allow us to get up there a little more often for short stints of time. From May 5th to July 11th, we had the opportunity to be in the U.S. and Canada. Graduations, a wedding, and visiting our parents who are getting up in years were all reasons for the trip. We traveled over 7,000 miles while there! I was able to report to four of our supporting churches and present our ministry in three churches that do not support us. We also attended Enrichment Week at BIMl and took our youngest two kids to the Youth Congress in Powell, TN. before heading back to Mexico. The Lord really blessed us and did a great work in our hearts. We came back refreshed and recharged!

Now we are back in Morelia and getting back to work here! Please continue to pray for us as we look **toward the future**. In the greater Morelia area, live over a million souls. There is a great need in this city and all over Mexico, not only for the Gospel, but for Biblical preaching and teaching. There is a real lack of Christian maturity and stability in the churches here. Our church has struggled in these areas, and it seems that the growth is slow. That is why we must continue praying and working. This endeavor requires much faith, patience, and perseverance. **We believe that God is doing great things and that He will do even greater things if we remain faithful!**

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